Counterattack its success how it worked

The Evans-Novak column of 10/1/73 may presage what will come to pass. It is basically accurate in what it reports but the emphasis is not accidently unfair. I think it may be the beginning of an attack on Dash who, judging from what he has done to date, will not be able to handle himself. The greatest unfairness is in ignoring the responsibilities of the members of the committee and their failure to control their own hearings. Had they not taken what they did, all in silence, from Ehrlichman and Wilson, then Haldeman and Wilson, then from Buchanan, the hearings would have been entirely different, especially with these characters talking at the hearings. All asked for being clobbered and all got away with all the acatalogued abuses. This is not Dash's fauly alone. The campaign against him from the Republican side has been obvious for a long time.

It now is at the point where I do not think the objective is as much to end the hearings as it is to end the possibility of accidents. This committee's record of performance has to be one of the very worst. There have been signs all along that it would stand still for anything and would not do a good jon. From the time Ehrlichman opened his yap there has been no doubt. Bringing Mitchell in before him was a dead give-away. Nixon had no trouble reading the visible signal, so he needed no secret intelligence.

Except for the testimony of the spooks, Segretti, Ulaswicz, Caulfied, etc., I think we can now expect real partisanship guised as a quest for fairness and balance.

The Buchanan testimony just might have been a bit different is Dash had not done the qiestioning. The attack on Lenzner by the GOPs because he conducted a proper and vigorous questioning that still was not nearly as tough as it should have been may be the reason the milquetoasty would not Lenzner, whose area it was question Buchanon. Buchanan could have been cut down fast and should have been. Had he been, whether or not calling him was worth the time, the result would have been different. Here again what was permitted to Ehrlichman was the advance signal. HW 10/1/73